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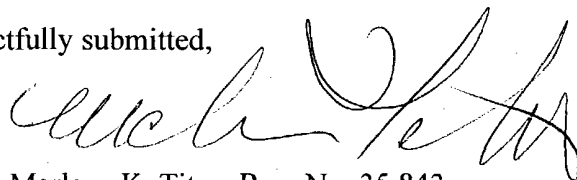
Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and a favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

In the specification, pages 4 and 5 are amended to include depository information regarding ATCC accession numbers for DEN-1 strain 45AZ5 PDK 27 and DEN-4 strain 341750 PDK-6. Claims 1-3 and 7-16 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, as these claims were prosecuted in the parent application. New claims 17-21 are added, covering additional embodiments of the method. With this amendment, claims 4-6 and 17-21 are pending. No new matter is introduced by any of these amendments, and entry and full consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

With respect to DEN-1 strain 45AZ5 PDK 27 and DEN-4 strain 341750 PDK-6, these two dengue viruses having ATCC accession numbers, respectively, PTA-4810 and PTA-4811, which were deposited according to the terms of the Budapest Treaty on November 21, 2002, and all restrictions imposed on the availability to the public or the deposited material will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of the patent. In addition, as noted above, we have amended the specification to specify the identifying information pursuant to 37CFR 1.809(d).

If the Examiner has any questions or would like to make suggestions as to claim language, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Marlana K. Titus at (301) 762-8214.

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